

## House Resolution No. 1949

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Derks, treasured residents of King City, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary on April 19, 2003, with a festive family celebration; and

**Whereas**, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on April 20, 1963, Herb and Virginia Derks began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in St. Joseph, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, a proud father and loving husband, Mr. Derks provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through many years of tireless endeavor as a farmer; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Derks enjoyed her family immensely and played an integral role in the inception of the Opportunity Workshop of Gentry County for the mentally and physically impaired; and

**Whereas**, Herb and Virginia Derks attribute their forty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their children and spouses, Deborah and Shawn Geraghty of Lee's Summit, Charles and Lisa Derks of St. Charles, Clifton and Judi Derks of Lenexa, Kansas, and Sharon and Ed Young of Columbia; and their thirteen grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, devout members of St. Patrick Catholic Church who have lived and farmed in the King City area all their married lives, Herb and Virginia Derks have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Herb and Virginia Derks upon the glorious celebration of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they proudly begin their fifth decade of wedded success and happiness; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Herb Derks, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative James O. Guest  
District No. 5

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1949, adopted April 16, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker